English to regional languages by way of making available text-books and other instructional material and requested to take necessary action in this regard.

Requirement of Paper for Text Books

958. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of paper for text books during the current year; and

(b) what steps have been taken to meet the shortage; if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Based on the projected students' enrolment figure for the year 1989-90, the estimated demand of white printing paper for the school text-books is about 1,26,151 MTs. This requirement is met by the paper industry in the country which is self-sufficient in terms of installed capacity as well as production.

Increase in the cost of training of IAF Pilots

959. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of training of Indian Air Force pilots has gone up recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) There have been a gradual rise in the cost of training of IAF pilots over the year.

(b) The average cost per pilot has increased by approximately 13 per cent in 1988-89 compared to 1987-88 for the first two stages of basic training and by 1.3 per cent to 4 per cent for the applied training stage in the fighter, transport and helicopter streams. The increase in cost is attributable to increase in manpower costs, cost of fuel, spares etc. It is not in the public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Demand for introduction of TV Sets in Kendriya Vidyalayas

960. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has recently made a demand for the introduction of TV sets in Kendriya Vidyalaya classroom; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) General Secretary, All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has submitted this proposal as part of the draft agenda for the meeting of the Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The question of Government reaction does not arise as the matter is to be discussed by the (JCM).